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THE NEXT GOVERNOR

In another column will be found an interesting letter from a Republican who knows what he is writing about. It is true that by all rules of rotation and fair play, the nomination for Governor should come to this county. Nothing would or could afford us more pleasure than to be able to address either of the gentlemen named from St. Georges Hundred by the title of "Governor." Either of them would abundantly grace the gubernatorial chair.

ANOTHER DEADLOCK

Our neighbors of Maryland are going through an experience with their Legislature like unto that which Delaware has tried several times, except that it is the Democrats who are unable to agree. It will be remembered that after the State Convention had been held by the Democrats last summer, Senator Gorman dropped out of the campaign. Isidore Rayner, a prominent anti-organization leader and a man well-fitted for the position, boldly announced his candidacy for election as United States Senator, and nearly every legislative candidate in the city of Baltimore and its vicinity pledged himself to support Mr. Rayner. On this issue the campaign was mainly fought, and the fact of the probability of Mr. Rayner's election undoubtedly had much to do with the Democratic victory at the polls. But Senator Gorman evidently does not want a man of Mr. Rayner's marked ability as his colleague. Besides, it is undoubtedly true that the place had been promised to the then Governor, John Walter Smith in payment or as a reward for his calling the special session of the Legislature and his assistance in forcing through that body the amended election law, that was intended to disfranchise a large percentage of the colored voters. For this reason and in order to make it appear to the country that he had won a great victory. Senator Gorman, on his return from Europe, but a few days before the election assumed control of the organization and announced through the press and from the stump, that he was the issue. The people did not realize the position. Practically every voter had determined how he was to cast his ballot, and none saw danger enough in what was called "Gorman's bluff" to change his mind.

The balloting was begun on Tuesday with the 86 Democratic members voting for several candidates, Mr. Rayner leading with 35 votes and Mr. Smith, second with 29. Later balloting shows small gains for Mr. Rayner, but he cannot be elected by Democratic votes unless Senator Gorman is willing. Not all of Mr. Smith's votes are machine owned, those from the Eastern Shore being cast evidently with the idea, that the old custom of one Senator from each side of the Bay, being revived. Even should these votes be eventually cast for Mr. Rayner they will not give him enough to win. It is too early in the fight to make predictions, but the chances favor a long drawn out struggle, which will not be of any benefit to the State in the way of legislation. If it should result in killing the proposed constitutional amendment, restricting the franchise, some good may result. It is possible that the 38 Republicans in the Legislature may take a hand in the game. If so Mr. Rayner may be elected.

THE DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE

"The gathering of Democrats in Washington to attend the meeting of their National Committee has not thrown much light on the question as to who will be their candidate for President, but it has narrowed the field. It is very clear that Cleveland and Olney are hardly to be considered as candidates, nor is any man who did not support the Democratic ticket in 1896 and again in 1900. That rules out Marshall Field, of Chicago, even if his name was ever entertained though because of the size of his "barrel" he might be nominated for Vice-President if he would accept, which is improbable.

"The talk of Judge Parker, of New York, is also suspected of being insincere. Patrick H. McCarren, of Brooklyn, who claims the credit of carrying that borough for McClellen for Mayor, went to Washington for the alleged purpose of "booming" Parker. But when the Democrats from other States talked to Boss Murphey, of Tammany Hall, he had nothing to say for Parker, but expressed himself as favoring Cleveland. It was clear that the Parker canvass had no real support from Tammany, and without Murphy it would amount to nothing. Murphy's talk for Cleveland was also insincere. He knows that the nomination of Cleveland is impossible.

"Thomas Taggart, the member of the National Committee from Indiana, expressed the sentiment in regard to Mr. Cleveland in these words: "In Indiana we regard Cleveland, of course, as a very able and a very big man, but we do not regard him as eligible. Then there are many who feel hardly about his attitude in 1896." Mr. Bryan has also given public notice that he will be in the convention as a delegate-at-large from Nebraska, and that he will go there with the one distinct and determined purpose of preventing the "Republicanization of the Democratic party, and the nomination of a Wall Street candidate." He lets it be known that he will be a "very lively corpse," and that no man who did not support the ticket nominated in 1896 and 1900 will be nominated.

"It takes two-thirds of the Democratic Convention to nominate a candidate, and there can be no doubt of Bryan controlling more than one-third. Moreover, Mr. William R. Hearst is a candidate, and he surprised some of the old leaders in Washington by the support he has already won. Mr. Hearst has an army at work; and the Hearst supporters will all follow Bryan in opposition to any man who did not support Bryan. This practically excludes the nomination of any Democrat who opposed the Bryan ticket.

"Gorman stands a chance of getting the nomination, but he would be such a weak candidate that some other man who, as Mr. Taggart remarked, "is not so prominent at the present time," may be chosen."—*Philadelphia Press.*

A COUNTY CONVENTION

It has been proposed in certain quarters that the Republican nominations be made this year in a county convention instead of by a popular vote. This question is one that will have to be met at sometime in the near future, not only by the Republicans but by the Democrats as well. For the past twelve or fourteen years, the "grafters" have made life a burden for the candidates for nomination. It is right, and all candidates expect it, that the nominees of the party should pay assessments for legitimate expenses. But the many demands made upon a candidate, prior to the primary, by all classes and conditions, for all sorts of purposes, from helping to pay a church debt to paying for beer for some "social club" which has been organized solely for "grafting" have become entirely too heavy. As a matter of principle we are opposed to the idea of taking away from the people the right to personally and directly indicate their choice of candidates. In the present emergency however, it may be necessary to do so. If it be done it should be with a distinct and positive agreement that it is not to continue for more than two campaigns.

The voters in the rural districts have no conception of the extent to which "grafting" is carried in the city of Wilmington. It is true that in all communities there are voters who think a candidate must have plenty of money and is therefore legitimate prey. But, in no other part of the county has it been reduced to such a fine system as in the city. There are "clubs" of all kinds in existence from about July 1st until election day, when they go into a state of "innocuous desuetude" until the next campaign. Some of the "grafters" are able to work the candidates of both parties. The writer was shown a two-story brick dwelling in Wilmington and was told that the owner had "made" enough out of the campaign of 1900 to pay for it. When such conditions obtain, a desperate remedy must be found. If any better plan can be suggested and put in practice, we would welcome it. But, something must be done and now is the time to do it. A new County Committee will be chosen by the Republicans, within the next three months, and it will have rules to frame to cover the next two campaigns. A wise choice of committeemen will result in good to the party and may eradicate this evil.

[Communicated.]

SHOULD COME FROM NEW CASTLE

St. Georges hundred four years ago presented two candidates for Governor; and John Hunn of Wyoming was nominated and fortunately elected. Perhaps if the Republicans of St. Georges had been wise and had pulled together their candidate would now be Governor of the State. St. Georges has had Governors. It furnished John P. Cochran and Benjamin T. Biggs within the memory of modern man.

New Castle County has had no Governor since 1887-91, when Mr. Biggs filled the Executive office. In 1894 this county elected the Hon. Joshua Marvil of Laurel, Sussex County. In 1900 this county insured the election of the Hon. John Hunn by giving him 3,000 majority. What will this county do in 1904? If the sentiment that one hears and feels on every hand shall be given expression, New Castle County will elect a son of New Castle County to the great office of Governor. This prediction is made with full knowledge of the plans that are now being weighed and tentatively given out, to trade off the rights and expectations of this county for the hollow bauble of representation at Washington. Always inversely to the proportion of his fitness will the office holder strive to have himself re-elected. This is poor human nature and there is no use in commenting upon the folly or wickedness of it.

The Republicans of this county have it in their power to prevent such folly and to name the next Governor of Delaware. There is abundant material. St. Georges has to offer again Martin B. Burris or Merritt N. Willitts of Middletown; or it may honor itself by offering John C. or Daniel W. Corbit or George L. Townsend of Odessa. Pencader may present Harry C. Ellison, Samuel Alrichs or John Dayett. White Clay Creek has Frederick W. Curtis. Mill Creek contains John W. Dennison, James Shakespeare or Reuben Satterthwaite. New Castle still has Henry H. McMullin. Red Lion might offer Theodore F. Clark or Henry P. Scott or Dr. Ellison of Kirkwood. Christiana is ready to nominate Dr. Joseph P. Chandler of Centreville, or Col. Henry A. DuPont of Winterthur, Henry B. Thompson of Greenville, William R. Flinn of Newport, or Winfield S. Quigley of Elsmere. Brandywine would delight to present James C. McComb of Claymont.

When Wilmington is contemplated, with its wealth of Republican gubernational timber, the attempt of two or three political jockies of this county to trade off the aspirations of the 12,000 Republicans of the county for the jockies' personal advancement, becomes grotesque in its audacity, to say the least.

Here may be named without any injury to a hundred others that might be named, William Lawton, Samuel H. Baynard, Thomas H. Savery, Dr. E. G. Shortlidge, Dr. John P. Wales, Dr. J. Paul Lukens, Edmund Mitchell, Jr., William Simmons, George S. Capelle, Horace W. Gause, William W. Lobdell, Alfred D. Warner, Herbert H. Ward, Henry C. Conrad, Frederick Pyle, J. Ernest Smith, Chares R. Jones, or Preston Lea.

In the face of this aray—and it can easily be extended to twice the number—is it humanly possible for a pair or trio of political tight rope walkers to pick up ten or a dozen gubernational balls in Kent and Sussex, of the Regular stripe and proportion, and keep them in the air until the Governor's convention shall meet? Especially when the Republican sentiment of Kent and Sussex concedes that the next Governor belongs to New Castle County?

Is is not credible that any politician, however distinguished his position, should have the power in the face of the almost unanimous sentiment of the Republicans of this county, to trade off this county's undoubted right to the gubernational nomination for the promise of support by the two lower counties to re elect the aforesaid politician to his present job. NEW CASTLE COUNTY.

January 20th, 1904.

WILMINGTON WANTS SHIP CANAL.

Since the Board of Trade started to advocate the inland ship canal project, citizens throughout the county have become interested in matters and the many discussions on the subject have brought out a number of suggestions. While everyone agrees that from the building of such a canal Wilmington would naturally derive some benefit, yet it seems to be the impression of some that the benefits would be far more numerous if it were possible to get the Delaware terminal nearer Wilmington than Delaware City.

A prominent and well-known citizen of rural New Castle County, in talking on the subject said the canal should connect with Wilmington. This he said would not be impossible and while the route to the Delaware river would not be as direct, it would be one that would not necessitate much excavating through dry land. The route he suggested was to follow the Elk river from the Chesapeake Bay to a point near Elkton and then dig through what is known as the Christiana valley to the Christiana river and along that stream through Newport to Wilmington. No deep cuts would be necessary in connecting the Elk and Christiana rivers.

ST. GEORGES POSTMASTERSHIP

Postmaster Daniel B. Stewart of St. Georges having died, there is much speculation as to who will succeed him. Two prominent residents of the town have been mentioned. They are Theodore Jones, who is a road commissioner, and Miles Clark, the assessor, both Republicans. The compensation of the office is about $500 a year.

Mr. Stewart, who died on Monday of an affection of the heart, was one of the best known people in that section. He was highly esteemed. Besides being the postmaster, he was secretary of the town council and the cemetery company, a trustee and elder of the Presbyterian Church and had held other positions of honor and trust. He was about 70 years of age. Two daughters survive him.

Taylors Bridge Public School

The pupils of Taylors Bridge School who have obtained an average of 90 per cent or above for the month ending January 9th 1904 are as follows:

Hamilton Staats, Ethelda Webb, See Cavid, William Regener, Hilda David, Fred Regener, Mamie McClain, Samuel McClain. Gertrude McCrone, teacher.

. . Announcement . .

TO THE FRIENDS AND PATRONS OF THE DEVALINGER STORE:

ON account of the credit system used by the wholesale dealers of to-day I find it necessary to adopt a similar one for the governing of my credit trade. Therefore, on and after Saturday, January 16th, any person having an account with me will be required to make a settlement in full every thirty days. This term of credit is for the benefit of those persons who are employed by the month. Persons employed by the day or week will please make a complete payment once in every seven days. I feel positive that this system will prove most satisfactory to my customers and to myself. Of this I am certain, that it will enable me to sell the finest goods on the market at lower prices than were possible before. While we are speaking of prices we might as well mention a few.

Best washing soda, 3lb for 5c.
Pure leaf lard, 10c lb.
Best corn starch, 5c per pkg.
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St. Georges Hundred!

The taxable residents of St. Georges Hundred, and all persons liable to pay tax in said Hundred, are hereby notified that the Taxes for the year 1903 are now due, and the undersigned Tax Collector for said Hundred, will be at the County Tax Collector's Office, Middletown, Del., South Broad street,

EVERY SATURDAY DURING THE MONTH OF JANUARY, 1904
from 9.30 A. M. to 3.30 o'clock P. M.

Tax bills can be obtained by making personal application to the Collector, or by sending written communication enclosing stamps.

When remitting by check don't forget to add 5 per cent. to the face of the bill for non payment prior to Jan. 1st.

H. W. PHARO,
Collector of Taxes for St. Georges Hundred

Dancing Classes!

You and your friends are invited to join the Dancing Classes being formed to be held at the Century Club Rooms, Middletown, Del.

ADULTS CLASS, FRIDAY EVENINGS from 8 to 10.

CHILDREN'S CLASS, FRIDAY Afternoons, from 5 to 6.

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NEW CASTLE COUNTY, ss.
THE STATE OF DELAWARE,
TO THE SHERIFF OF NEW CASTLE COUNTY, GREETING:—

Whereas, Emma E. Day by her petition to the Judges of our Superior Court filed in the office of the Prothonotary of said Court in and for New Castle County, for the cause of complaint therein alleged, has made application to our said Judges that a decree may be pronounced dissolving the marriage existing between the petitioner and William Herbert Day.

(Seal)

We, therefore, command you, as you were heretofore commanded that you summon William Herbert Day that he be and appear before the Judges of our said Court at the next term thereof to be held at Wilmington, on Monday, the First day of February next to answer the allegations of the said petitioner, Emma E. Day according to the Act of Assembly in such case made and provided, and also to do and receive what the Court shall then and there consider concerning him in this behalf as to the Court shall seem meet and consistent with the provisions of the said Act of Assembly.

And have you then there this writ.

Witness the Honorable Chas. B. Lore, at Wilmington, the Twenty-third day of November, A. D., 1903.

FRANK L. SPEAKMAN,
Issued Dec. 23th, 1903. Prothonotary.

NEW CASTLE COUNTY, ss.
THE STATE OF DELAWARE.
TO THE SHERIFF OF NEW CASTLE COUNTY, GREETING:—

Whereas, James C. Smith by his petition to the Judges of our Superior Court, filed in the office of the Prothonotary of said Court in and for New Castle County, for the cause of complaint therein alleged, has made application to our said Judges that a decree may be pronounced dissolving the marriage existing between the Petitioner and Mary Emma Smith.

(Seal)

We, therefore, command you, as you were heretofore commanded, that you summon Mary Emma Smith that she be and appear before the Judges of our said Court at the next term thereof to be held at Wilmington, on Monday, the First day of February next to answer the allegations of the said petitioner, James C. Smith according to the Act of Assembly in such case made and provided, and also to do and receive what the Court shall then and there consider concerning her in this behalf as to the Court shall seem meet and consistent with the provisions of the said Act of Assembly.

And have you then there this writ.

Witness the Honorable Chas. B. Lore, at Wilmington, the Twenty-third day of November A. D., 1903.

FRANK L. SPEAKMAN,
Issued Dec. 2d, 1903. Prothonotary.

NEW CASTLE COUNTY, ss.
THE STATE OF DELAWARE.
TO THE SHERIFF OF NEW CASTLE COUNTY, GREETING:—

Whereas, Daisy L. Moon by her petition to the Judges of our Superior Court, filed in the office of the Prothonotary of said Court in and for New Castle County, for the cause of complaint therein alleged, has made application to our said Judges that a decree may be pronounced dissolving the marriage existing between the Petitioner and Ellsworth E. Moon.

(Seal)

We, therefore, command you, as you were heretofore commanded, that you summon Ellsworth E. Moon that he be and appear before the Judges of our said Court at the next term thereof to be held at Wilmington, on Monday, the First day of February next to answer the allegations of the said petitioner, Daisy L. Moon according to the Act of Assembly in such case made and provided, and also to do and receive what the Court shall then and there consider concerning him in this behalf as to the Court shall seem meet and consistent with the provisions of the said Act of Assembly.

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NOTICE!

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CITIZENS NATIONAL BANK,
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JANUARY 5th, 1904.

The Board of Directors have this day declared a semi-annual dividend of THREE (3) PER CENT clear of Taxes, payable to the Stockholders on and after January 15th, 1903.

JNO. S CROUCH, Cashier.

NOTICE--DIVIDEND!

NEW CASTLE COUNTY NATIONAL BANK,
ODESSA, DELAWARE,
JANUARY 6th, 1904.

The Directors have this day declared a semi-annual dividend of THREE (3) PER CENT clear of taxes and payable on and after the 13th inst.

JOS. L. GIBSON, Cashier.

NOTICE--DIVIDEND!

PEOPLES NATIONAL BANK,
MIDDLETOWN, DELAWARE,
DECEMBER 26th, 1903.

The Board of Directors have this day declared a dividend of THREE (3) PER CENT. for the last six months, payable on and after Saturday, January 9th, 1904.

G. D. KELLEY, Cashier.

FEMALE WEAKNESS

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Wilhelmina Lowe
Treasurer, Portland Economic League

Periodical headaches tell of female weakness. Wine of Cardui cures permanently nineteen out of every twenty cases of irregular menses, bearing down pains or any female weakness. If you are discouraged and doctors have failed, that is the best reason in the world you should try Wine of Cardui now. Remember that headaches mean female weakness. Secure a $1.00 bottle of Wine of Cardui today.

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$10 Coats for $5 **$18 and $15 Coats for $10**
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$17.50, $15 and $13.50 Suits for $10
$25, $20 and $18 Suits for $15
$40, $35 and $30 Suits for $25

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Trains Leave Middletown as Follows:

North Bound—3.30, 7.52, 9.20 and 10.27 a. m; 4.14 and 6.05 p. m.
South Bound—12.49, 5.31, 9.21 and 11.40 a. m.; 3.36, 4.34 and 7.52 p. m.

Mails Close as Follows.

Going North—7.30 a. m, 10.05 a.m., 3.50 p.m., 5.45 p. m. and 9 p. m.
Going South—8.10 a.m., 4.35 p. m., and 9 p.m
For Odessa—9.50 a. m., 11 40 a. m., 5.05 p. m.
For Warwick, Cecilton, Earlville and Sassafras—9.40 a. m.

MIDDLETOWN, DEL., JAN. 23, 1904.

Local News.

Full line of Fresh Groceries at E. F. INGRAM'S.

FOR SALE.—One Soda Fountain complete, in good order. Address, Lock Box, No. 321.

DR. W. E. BARNARD, Surgeon Dentist, office Southeast corner of Main and Scott streets.

Mr. George V. Peverley advertises his 90-acre farm west of the railroad for rent in this issue.

FOR SALE.—White Iron Bedstead, with brass trimmings; also mattress for same. Apply at THIS OFFICE.

A ladies brooch was lost and found at the Boyles--Price wedding. The owner can get same by applying to W. J. Lofland, Jr., Warwick, Md.

Until further notice the Middletown Public Library will be open on Tuesday and Saturday afternoons from 3.30 to 5, and Saturday evenings, from 7 to 8.30.

FOR RENT.—The dwelling now occupied by John Dawson, corner Broad and Lake streets. Possession given March 25th, 1904. Apply to MARIE T. LOCKWOOD, Warwick, Md.

Mr. C. M. Cochran has purchased of Mr. H. A. Pool his fine black driving horse. The price paid is private, but we are informed Mr. Pool received a handsome price for his horse.

FOR SALE.—The property of the late Marcellus Jones on South Broad street. For particulars apply to

J. R. HOFFECKER,
Middletown, Del.

WANTED.—A tenant to carry on a farm devoted to dairying, grain and hay. This farm is now fully stocked and equipped. It will be rented upon the system of thirds. Address by letter only. A. T. NEALE, Newark, Del.

A slight fire occurred at the residence of Mr. Joshua Clayton on Green street Tuesday, a deffective flue was the cause of the fire but fortunately it was discovered before it had made much headway, and the damage was slight.

Unclaimed Letters.—The following list of letters remain unclaimed in the post office for the week ending January 14th: Miss Maryjaine Brown, Mrs. Margaret Doman, Mrs. Herman Holland, Mrs. Mandy Jones, Felix Cuffy, F. Johnson.

Margary Bennice, the ten month old daughter of Rev. and Mrs. J. R. Brown died suddenly on Thursday night at 11 o'clock, of bronchial pneumonia. Funeral services from the house to-day at 2 o'clock P. M. Friends are invited without further notice.

Our line of stoves this season surpass all of our former efforts since we entered the store business, and the prices are right. If you are going to need anything in the stove line we can interest you. All kinds and makes.

J. F. MCWHORTER & SON.

The young men of Galena will give their annual dacne in Odd Fellows' Hall, that town, on Thursday evening, January 28th. These dances are always largely attended, and the committee of arrangements for this event are hustling to make this dance the banner one of them all.

The sociable Monday evening in the Y. reading room was a decided success, everybody having a good time. Music, recitations and the game of "pit" entertained the company. Refreshments consisting of cake and lemonade were served. The ladies will give an entertainment Monday evening, January 25th, and all the members are invited.

The management of the Opera House has decided to put a new heater in the basement of the building. This will be very gretifying news to the people who patronize the local play house, as it is impossible to heat the room during extremely cold weather. We are reliably informed the new heater will be installed and ready for use during the present week.

Mr. T. R. Bradshaw who has purchased the tract of land used by Polk & Hyatt, near Odessa, as a nursery several years ago, is going in the squab business, and during the past two weeks has purchased several hundred pigeons to stock up his new lofts. Mr. Bradshaw has had considerable experience in the poultry business, and if he can get his squabs to the city markets, will receive handsome prices for them.

Mr. S. M. Rosenberg has interested a large Philadelphia Shirt Manufacturing Company in the Middletown Shirt Factory, and if the machinery in the factory can be bought at a reasonably price, the plant may be purchased and put in operation in the near future. A representative of Weil, Haskell Co., stopped in town one day this week, and informed some of our business men that his firm is anxious to dispose of the machinery, and that he was on his way to see the firm desiring the plant.

Damon Lodge, No. 12, K. of P. has installed the following officers for the ensuing year: C. C., Harry D. Howell; V. C. W. T. Connellee; M. W., Ira W. Owens; Prelate, Dr. C. A. Ritchie; I. G. Walter Monroe; G. W. H. Dockety; Trustee, W. S. Letherbury. G. M. of A., John H. Scott and Grand Prelate William Berger, of Wilmington, were welcome visitors to the lodge. D. G. C., J. C. Jolls, of this town, had charge of the installation ceremonies. After the instalation a banquet was held at the restaurant of Mr. W. B. Kates, when 20 members of the lodge enjoyed an oyster supper.

The next entertainment of the "Star Course," under the auspices of the Christian Endeavor Society, of Forest Presbyterian Church, will be on Tuesday evening, February 9th, when the famous Ariel Quartette, of Boston, will give a concert of an unusually attractive character and of a high order of merit. On Tuesday evening, February 23d, Ellwood, the Magician, with his marvelous slight of hand performances, will positively appear. The utter collapse of the heater in the Opera House, during the severe cold spell, necessitated the postponement; but we are glad to inform the patrons of this course, that a new heater is now being placed in position, and the public can anticipate enjoying the remaining entertainments of this course in an absolutely comfortable house.

CHURCH NOTES

Bethesda Epworth League meets in the lecture room of the M. E. Church every Sunday evening at 6.45 o'clock. Everybody is invited to attend. The topic for to-morrow evening is: "If Christ Should Come to Our Town." John 4: 28-30, 39-42. Leader, Miss Sybilla Jones.

The Young Peoples Society of Christian Endeavor of Forest Presbyterian Church, meets every Sunday evening at 6.45 o'clock. A cordial invitation is extended to everybody. The topic for tomorrow evening is: "What if Christ Came to Our Town?" John 4:28-30, 39-42. Leader, Rev. F. H. Moore, D. D.

The Rev. Henry Forman of India, will give an address on Foreign Missions on next Wednesday evening in the Forest Presbyterian Church. Special prominence will be given to the Forward Movement of the Board of Foreign Missions. All are cordially invited.

NEW TROLLEY PROJECT

"There is some talk of a trolley line being built from Stanton to Odessa, running through St. Georges, the object being to connect Stanton, which is the terminus of one of the suburban lines of the Wilmington City Railway Co., with Odessa, where connection could be made with the Middletown & Odessa road. The route is nearly straight and it is said that the project is considered feasible, as is would connect Wilmington with the Odessa & Middletown road, which, eventually, is to be connected with a system in Maryland, starting at Warwick.

"Just who is back of the project could not be ascertained. The information was obtained from a resident along the proposed route, who had been approached by an agent of the promoters relatives to the matter of securing the right of way. It is believed that there would be little difficulty in getting the right of way, as many of the farmers in that section would welcome a trolley road."—*Every Evening.*

CYRUS P. GEARS GETS "MASSEY FARM"

"Charles R. Massey, administrator of Henry P. Massey, deceased, sold in front of the Delaware House last Saturday afternoon the well-known "Massey Farm," situated near Clayton containing 129 acres to Mr. Cyrus P. Gears, proprietor of the Smyrna House, for $8,000. The sale despite the inclement weather was largely attended and for a time there was some spirited bidding, but Mr. Gears held out until Auctioneer Forkum of Dover "brought down the hammer" in his favor. The farm is one of the most valuable in Kenton hundred and has been especially profitable as a fruit farm, the grape vinyard alone netting over $1200 the past season.—*Smyrna Times.*

NOTICE TO MY CUSTOMERS

On account of the credit system used by the wholesale dealers of to-day I find it necessary to adopt a similar one for the governing of my credit trade. Therefore, on and after Saturday, January 23d, any person having an account with me will be required to make a settlement in full every thirty days. This term of credit is for the benefit of those persons who are employed by the month. Persons employed by the day or week will please make a complete payment once in every seven days. I feel positive that this system will prove most satisfactory to my customers and to myself. Of this I am certain, that it will enable me to sell the finest goods on the market at lower prices than were possible before.

JOHN ARMSTRONG, Agt.

NOTICE TO MY CUSTOMERS!

Notice is hereby given that on and after January 1st, 1904, we feel compelled to do as near a cash business as possible. We must insist therefore on weekly and monthly settlements of all accounts, the length of the credit to be determined when account is opened. Customers who have accounts are requested to let us have settlement during the month of January. We are prepared to give to all the best the market can afford at the lowest cash prices.

WILLIAM BROCKSON.

SERENADE AND TREAT

A large band of calathumpians tendered Mr. and Mrs. Fahey of Odessa, who were married recently, a serenade at their home in that town on Thursday evening. The young men and boys had all kinds of hideous instruments, and the discords at times were almost unbearable, and finally the bride and groom made their appearance at the front door and invited the musicians (?) in, where refreshments consisting of ice cream, cake, lemonade, etc., were served and greatly enjoyed. After a pleasant hour with Mr. and Mrs. Deviny, the serenaders departed for their homes after wishing the host and hostess many happy years of wedded bliss.

AN ANNOUNCEMENT

Owing to the numerous requests of my friends I have decided to be a candidate for County Commissioner from St. Georges Hundred, and take this opportunity to inform my friends and the public, that I will greatly appreciate any favors shown me by them. I will use all honorable means to secure the nomination, and if successful promise the tax-payers of this district to do everything in my power in their behalf. Thanking you all for past favors, I remain,

Very truly yours,
THOMAS E. HURN.

Middletown, Del., Jan., 12th, 1904.

Port Penn M. E. Church

The members and friends of Port Penn M. E. Church gave their pastor, Rev. W. V. Harris, a donation party on Saturday evening. The parsonage was filled with people. Mr. and Mrs. Harris were much pleased to see their friends. The time was passed in a social way until 10 o'clock when refreshments were served. Mr. Harris has been invited to return next conference year.

PERSONALITIES

Mr. Harry Moore, of Elkton, Md., was in town Wednesday.

Mr. R. L. Johnson, of Philadelphia, was a visitor in town this week.

Mr. Albert Hopkins, of Cambridge, visited friends in town Sunday.

Miss Ollie VanSant, of Millington, is the guest of Miss Nora Armstrong.

Mrs. Charles N. Dickerson is spending sometime with Wilmington friends.

Mr. and Mrs. John Burrows, of Wilmington, spent Sunday with relatives in town.

Messrs. F. Decker Suydam and W. Randolph Holten were in Wilmington Monday.

Mrs. Nathaniel Williams and daughter, Miss Mary, are spending several weeks in New York.

Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester Rose, Jr., are the guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester Rose.

We are sorry to learn that Mr. E. R. Cochran, Sr., is critically ill at his home on South Broad street.

Mr. Isaac Hallan, of Wilmington, was the guest of Mr. Leon DeValinger from Saturday until Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. William Carey, of Wilmington, spent several days this week with friends and relatives in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kern, of Wilmington, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. William Brockson over Sunday.

Mr. Ernest Solway and friend, Miss Helen Clay, of Elkton, Md., were the guests of his parents several days this week.

Squire A. G. Cox has been confined to his home on Green street for several weeks but his many friends will be glad to learn that he is now improving, and hopes to be out in a short time.

Invitations have been sent out by Mr. and Mrs. Edward Berry, of 108 West Eighty-seventh street, New York City, for the marriage of their daughter, Miss Emma Houghton Berry, to E. Irving Hanson. The wedding will take place at St. Matthew's Church, that city, Wednesday evening, February 3d, the Rev. Arthur H. Judge, rector, officiating. The maid of honor will be Miss Kathryn Marion Berry, and the bridesmaids the Misses Helen W. Mather, Adelaide B. Berry, Elizabeth R. Hobart, Agnes G. Kelley, Adelaide L. Douglas and Bessie Runyon. Ernest Vincent Connolly will be best man, and the ushers will be Howell Ross Hanson and Charles E. Hanson, of Philadelphia; Douglas G. Hanson, of Baltimore, and G. Douglas Berry, Wiimot C. Connolly and E. Milton Berry, of New York City.

CROSSLAND--RICHARDS

Miss Clarrissa Boulden, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George S. Richards was united in marrriage to Mr. John Richard Crossland, Jr., in Bethesda Methodist Episcopal Church, this town, Thursday evening at 8.30 o'clock, by the Rev. C. T. Wyatt, D. D. The church had been artistically decorated with potted plants and presented a beautiful scene. Miss Lena Pleasanton rendered the wedding march, and at the appointed time the bridal party entered the church. First came the ushers and the maid of honor, followed by the bride leaning on the arm of her father. They passed up the centre aisle to the altar where they met the groom and his best man and were there pronounced husband and wife with a very impressive ceremony.

The bride was handsomely gowned in white French nainsook with trimmings of meclen lace and insertion and carried a prayer book. The maid of honor, Miss Edith Francis of Wilmington, was attired in white chiffonette, trimmed with meclen lace and insertion and carried white carnations. The best man was Mr. Thomas Crossland, of Salem, N. J., a brother of the groom, and Messrs. James Moore, of St. Georges; Walter Moore, of Wilmington; George and Ringgold Richards, the last two brothers of the bride, were ushers.

A reception was held at the residence of the bride's parents on East Main street immediately after the ceremony, when the bride and groom received the congratulations of their friends, and an elaborate collation was served.

Many guests were present from Philadelphia, Wilmington, St. Georges and this town.

Mr. and Mrs. Crossland left on the 3.29 train for a norther trip, and on their return will reside on a farm near town.

The presents received by the bride were numerous and beautiful, and will serve in later years as mementoes of the happy event. THE TRANSCRIPT joins their numerous friends in extending congratulations to the happy young couple and wishes them many happy years of wedded bliss.

PRICE--BOYLES NUPTIALS

A pretty home wedding was solemnized Wednesday evening at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Boyles, near Sassafras, Md., when their daughter Miss Jennie Elizabeth Boyles was married to Mr. Custis C. Price of this town. The ceremony was performed by Rev. E. H. Creed, of Galena. There were more than a hundred friends and acquaintances of the young couple present. The bride was given away by her father and was gowned in white, and carried white carnations, Miss Lucy Rudrow, of Camden, N. J., maid of honor, was attired in white albatross and carried a bonquet of pink carnations. Mr. Clarence Cochran, of this town, was best man and Mrs. Frederick Robinson, of Sassafras, played the wedding march. After the ceremony a reception was held and congratulations extended the newly married couple. Refreshments in abundance were served by caterer Stevenson, of Smyrna. The presents were numerous and handsome. Mr. and Mrs. Price later were driven to their own home, near Sassafras.

Fourteen Miles of Skating

For several days there has been excellent skaking on the Chesapeake & Delaware Canal. The ice has been good from one end to the other, and it was possible to skate from Delaware City to Chesapeake City and vice versa, a distance of of 14 miles. This was not generally known, but people living along the canal have been enjoying the sport, which is better than for several years.

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ST. GEORGES

Miss Sara Milligan, of Union, spent Sunday home.

Mrs. John Gam spent part of last week in Wilmington.

James H. S. Gam was a Wilmington visitor on Friday.

Mrs. Margaret Reybold was in Delaware City Friday.

William Stewart and family, of Philadelphia, are spending a few days in town.

Miss Ida Wright has returned from a two week's stay with friends at Bethel, Md.

Mr. and Mrs. Lattomus, of Wilmington, visited A. Smith and family over Sunday.

Mrs. Catharine Smith, of Porters, has been spending the past two weeks with relatives here.

Albert Jamison, of Wilmington, spent last week with his parents, Clarence Jamison and wife.

Misses Mabel Stewart and Annie Winslow, of New Castle, spent Sunday with Mrs. Rachel Hudson.

Edward Wright, of Clayton, has been the guest of his aunt, Mrs. John Moore, during the past week.

James Taylor and family, of Reading, Pa., were guests of his parents here on Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. Edgar Carrow spent several days this week in Philadelphia as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Othoson.

S. O. Gibbons fell from a scaffold on the side of a building on which he was working and fractured his wrist.

Miss Blanche Dubois has returned to her home in Baltimore after a very pleasant visit with Mrs. Alida Jones and daughters.

William Aspril, of Chesapeake City, moved his family here on Wednesday, he having secured a position with F. Hildebrand.

The W. C. T. U., had a meeting on Saturday to arrange for a birthday party in the near future. Mr. W. K. Price was made chairman of the entertainment.

George Swain had the misfortune to fall on the ice in his own yard on Sunday and break his collar bone. At this writing he seems to be suffering a great deal.

The Christian Endeavor Society of the Presbyterian Church will hold a Memorial service on Sunday evening for Mr. D. B. Stewart. The society will wear mourning badges for thirty days.

The young people will give a farce entitled "A Wild Irishman's Diplomacy," along with dialogues and recitations, in Odd Fellows' Hall on Friday evening, January 29th, 1904. Some fine music will also be rendered.

The sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered in the Presbyterian Church on Sunday morning and six members of the choir, five of them young men, were taken into the church. It was a very impressive service. May the good work go on.

The C. C. Club has arranged for a course of socials for the benefit of the Reading Room. The following committees have been appointed: For February—Miss Barnett, Miss Ellison. For March—Mrs. Jamison, Mrs. Janvier, Miss Jennie Clark. For April—Mrs. Pool, Mrs. Sutton, Mrs. Gray.

A delightful meeting of the Bible class was held on Monday evening. There was a large attendance and the singing by the young men was enjoyed by all. The meeting on next Monday night will be held at the manse and Dr. Milligan will lead. These meetings are growing in interest and a most cordial invitation is extended to all who are interested in Bible study.

Mr. Daniel B. Stewart whose illness we mentioned last week, died on Sunday night and was buried from his late residence on Thursday at 11 o'clock. His funeral was very largely attended, he being a man beloved by all who knew him. He was a most useful man in the town and community and a consistent christian and church worker. He was Justice of the Peace, postmaster secretary of the St. Georges Cemetery Co., and elder of the Presbyterian Church, and all feel his loss to be an irrepairable one. His family have the sympathy of the entire community.

Sales to Take Place

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2d, 1904—10 A. M., Public Sale of Stock, Farming Implements, etc., of Mrs. Margaret Ginn, in Thoroughfare Neck. Clifton Serverson, auctioneer.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18TH, 1904.—Public Sale of Stock, Farm Implements, &c., by Thomas Lattomus, on the farm known as the Collier Farm, near Baxter's Corner, 4½ miles South of Townsend.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23d, 1903.—Public Sale of Stock, farm implements, &c., by Edward Hart, on the "Parvis Farm," one mile northeast of Mount Pleasant. W. Harman Reynolds, auctioneer.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25TH, 1904.—Public sale of Stock, Farming Implements, &c., personal property late of George W. Lockwood, deceased.

THURSDAY, MARCH 3d, 1904.—Public Sale of stock, farm implements, &c., by Isaac Green, Jr., on the "Burgess Farm," on the road from Fennemore's Bridge to Norney's Corner. Joseph M. Armstrong. auctioneer.

CECILTON

Dallas Manlove is on the sick list.

Edward Mattax is visiting his sister in Philadelphia.

Quite a number of the young folks are enjoying the skating.

Miss Mame Jones is visiting relatives and friends in Still Pond.

Elwood Padley was entertained one day this week by F. E. Hoover.

Miss Helen Schrack, of Germantown, Pa., is the guest of Miss Emma Lusby.

Mr. McCullough, of North East, is the guest of his niece, Mrs. E. N. Crawford.

Miss Ethel Ellison, of St. Augustine, was entertained by friends in town on Friday.

Miss Minnie Messick is the guest of relatives and friends in Dover and Wyoming this week.

Miss Annie Rickards, of Philadelphia, is spending sometime with her sister, Miss Mollie Rickards.

Messrs. Thomas Boulden and George Pierce are spending this week with Lambert Manlove, of Cayotts.

Personally-Conducted Tours to Washington D. C. and return via Baltimore and Ohio Railroad

A serious of three-day personally-conducted tours to Washington, D. C., will be run on the following dates; January 21, February 4, and 18, March 3, and 23, April 7, and 21 and May 5. $9 for the round-trip including hotel and other expenses. Train leaves Chester at 3.24 P. M., Wilmington 3.40 P. M.

As these tour parties are limited to the available hotel accommodations and as reservations are made when tickets are purchased. Those intending to become members should register at once. For booklet and full information call on ticket agents or write to H. A Miller, T. P. A., Water and Market streets, Wilmington, Del.

THE ELWOOD CASE

Doubtless the most sensational session of the Presbytery of New Castle ever held was convened at Dover Tuesday, when Rev. Robert Arthur Elwood, pastor of Olivet Presbyterian Church, Wilmington, appeared for trial. Mr. Elwood is charged with preaching a sermon which incited to riot on Sunday night, June 21st, the night before the negro, George White, was lynched and burned to the stake near Wilmington by a mob of infuriated citizens, for the murder of Miss Helen Bishop. The Presbytery was called to order by Moderator North and the opening prayer was made by Rev. S. Beattie Wylie, of New Castle. Throughout the preliminary session, Mr. Elwood sat beside his counsel, Former Attorney-General Robert C. White, of Georgetown, a member of the Presbytery. Rev. Joseph Brown Turner, of Dover, and Rev. Joel L. Gilfillan, of Newark, the members of the prosecuting committee, sat together near the platform. Mr. Elwood had with him pamphlet copies of his now famous sermon on "Should the murderer of Miss Bishop be Lynched?" He answerers the question in the affirmative, then modifies it by saying: "If this trial shall be delayed until September and then though he be proven guilty through some technicality of the law or any undue influence upon judges or jury he shall not be given capital punishment then the citizens of the State should arise in their might and excute the criminal and thus uphold the majesty of the law."

When Mr. Gilfillan produced before Presbytery the bill against Mr. Elwood, a document of seven type written pages in which the Presbyterian Church of the United States of America versus Rev. Robert A. Elwood of the Presbytery of New Castle, it was evident that the charges were strongly drawn, covering the ground thoroughly. They, however, took the broad ground that, even though Mr. Elwood's sermon did not incite to riot or hasten the act of the following day, yet that kind of preaching was contrary to the constitution of the Presbyterian church, the confession of faith, the larger catechism and the constitution of the United States.

After hearing the committee's report and debates as to legal procedure, and the place of trial, it was voted that the trial be held in the Presbyterian Church at New Castle, on February 2d, and that the hour for opening the case be fixed at 10.30, after which no minister arriving at the scene of trial could vote in judgment.

TOWNSEND

Mrs. James Wilson, of Smyrna, was in town Saturday.

Mr. Horace Vandyke was a visitor in town on Wednesday.

Mrs. Winfield Lattomus is spending sometime in Philadelphia.

Mrs. Frank Stanard, of Porters, is spending sometime in town.

Mrs. Eliza Carpenter, of Wilmington, is visiting Mrs. D. P. Hutchison.

Mrs. Lee Bradley, of Middletown, spent Sunday with Mrs. Joseph Daniels.

The people of Townsend are enjoying the skating on Harmons, Pond this week.

Mrs. Edward Phillips and daughter Bessie spent Wednesday in Wilmington.

Mrs. Charles Larrimore, of Bristol, Pa., is visiting her mother, Mrs. Samuel Watts.

Mr. Homer Lily, of Newark, was the guest of Mr. D. B. Maloney and family Sunday.

Mr. Samuel Townsend is relieving the night operator in New Castle, who is now sick.

Mr. Leroy Hutchison, of Wilmington, visited his father, Mr. B. W. Hutchison, Sunday.

Mr. J. Z. Staats visited his daughter, Mrs. Harry Hart, in Philadelphia, one day this week.

Miss Lena Staats, of Middletown, spent Sunday at home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Z. Staats.

Mrs. Clarence Staats and Mrs. Robert Wilson visited their mother in Smyrna Wednesday and Thursday.

Mr. J. C. VanDyke, of Philadelphia, spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George W. Vandyke.

Master Howard Guessford, of New York, is spending sometime with his grandfather, Mr. Guessford.

Mrs. Richard Hodgson and little son Paul spent Tuesday and Wednesday with her sister, Mrs. Rose Wilson, in Smyrna.

Miss Mary Ethrington, who has been spending some time with Mrs. George Stant, has returned to her home near Cecilton, Md.

Miss Winnie Price, of Slill Pond, Md., who has been visiting Mrs. W. N. Watts for the past two weeks left on Wednesday for Hartley, Del.

Miss Ethelwyn Maloney gave a party in honor of her friend Miss Inez Noble, of Maryland, on Saturday evening. The time was pleasantly spent with games and music. Among those present were: Miss Hannah Wilson, of Atlantic City; Miss Winnie Price, of Still Pond, Md., Mr. Homer Lily, of Newark; Mr. Chance Cleaver, of Odessa and Miss Mary Money, Miss Margaret Weldon, Miss Margaret Townsend, Miss Myrtle Townsend, Miss Luta Outton, Miss Viola Watts, Messrs. William Lynam, Martin Lee, Tinley Scott, Wilmore Fennimore, Mark Staats and Joseph Jones.

ODESSA

Miss Louise N. Corbit is visiting Wilmington.

Mrs. Sarah Davis was in Philadelphia Wednesday.

Miss Mary W. Townsend is the guest of Wilmington friends.

Rev. and Mrs. R. L. Hallett are visiting at Sudlersville, Md.

Miss Clara Weldon is visiting her mother, Mrs. William Rhodes.

Miss Georgia Enos spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph H. Enos.

Mrs. William H. Eccles entertained Mr. and Mrs. William Skellenger, of Wilmington over Sunday.

Mr. John W. McCoy, Jr., of New York City, is spending spending some time with his parents near town.

Mr. Harry Heller, of Wilmington, spent last week with his parente Mr. William H. Heller and wife.

Mrs. Emma Heller has returned to Wilmington after spending a week with her sister, Mrs. William Heller.

Revival meetings are now in progress in St. Paul's M. E. Church. Services every evening at 7.30 o'clock except Sunday evenings when it begins at 7.15 o'clock.

Miss May C. Enos who has undergone treatment at the Presbyterian Hospital in Philadelphia, returned home Wednesday much improved in health, her many friends are glad to have her in their midst again.

Mr. E. J. Fahey and Miss Annie Halloran both of Kennett Square, were quietly married in St. Patricks Church of that town, on Thursday evening, January 14th. The Rev. John O'Donell performed the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Fahey left Kennett Square on the midnight express for Philadelphia and on Friday came to Odessa, where they were met by a party of friends who greeted them with cheers, and showers of rice. They were stopping at the Stidham House in which the groom has an interest. Friday night the hotel was surrounded by the calathumpian band and the bridal couple were royally serenaded. Mr. Fahey appeared on the front porch introduced the bride with a neatly-twined speech, and invited the boys in. Refreshments were served after which the guests departed wishing Mr. and Mrs. Fahey much happiness.

IMPORTANT JANUARY SALE

To make room for the new Spring Goods which are beginning to make their appearance we have marked our Ladies' Coats and Suits at such a reduction that they will not remain long. You might as well be one of the lucky ones to get a fine up-to-date suit at about the usual wholesale price.

Lippincott & Co
312 Market Street,
9 East Third Street,
Wilmington, Del.
Housefurnishing Goods in the Basement.

CURRENT PRICES

MIDDLETOWN GRAIN MARKET.
CORRECTED WEEKLY BY JOHN W. JOLLS.

Wheat—No. 1	.87	Corn—Yellow, shelled	48
No. 2	.85	" cob	50
Timothy Seed	$2.65	Oats	50
Clover Seed lb	10½c		

MIDDLETOWN PRODUCE MARKET.
CORRECTED WEEKLY BY W. T. CONNELLEE.

Eggs, per doz	32
Country Butter, per lb	25@29
Creamery Butter, per lb	33
Lard, per lb	11@12
Live Chickens, per lb	14@16
Potatoes, per basket	30@40

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2 quart Coffee Pots, **25c.**
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4-quart Coffee Pots, with bail, **50c.**
2-quart Milk Pans, **10c.**
4-quart Milk Pans, **19c.**
8-quart Milk Pans, **25c.**
6-quart deep Pudding Pans, **25c.**
Muffin Pans, with 12 holes, **25c.**
2-quart Tin Cups, **25c.**
1-quart Rice Boiler, **50c.**
1-pint Tin Cup, **10c.**
12-inch Cullender, **25c.**
3-quart Lip Sauce Pans, with handles, **20c.**
14 quart Preserving Keetles with bail, **55c.**
4-quart Kettles, with covers, **38c.**
14-quart Dish Pans, **50c.**
4-quart Tea Kettles, **70c.**

Rogers' Silver Plate Ware

You'll find the best goods here and prices much lower.

Tea Sets, 4 pieces, **$5.00.**
Water Pitchers, **$2.50.**
Butter Dishes, **$1.50** and **$2.00.**
Bread Tray, **$1.50, $2.00** and **$3.00.**
Crumb Tray and Scraper, **$2.00** and **$2.50.**
Card Trays, **75c.** and **$1.25.**
Tea Spoons, **60c., $1.20, $1.50,** 6 spoons in set.
Dessert Spoons, **$1.80** and **$2.45,** 6 in set.
Dessert Forks, **$2.00,** 6 in set.
Dinner Forks, **$1.25,** in set.
Berry Spoons, **50** and **75c.**
Sugar Spoons. **25c.**
Butter Knives, **25c** and **50c.**
Triple Plated Dessert Knives, **$1.20** and **$1.25** a set.
Triple Plated Dinner Knives, **$1.80** and **$2.00** a set.

Women's Stylish Coats

Big reduction to close. There is not a single coat in the lot that was not made this fall. All in perfect condition and up-to-date in style.

$10.00 Coats, **$6.00;** $9.00 Coats, **$4.50;** $7.00 Coats, **$3.50.**

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All perfect goods, and most all sizes, black and white, to close, not a shirt in the lot worth less than 50c, most of them worth 75c. and $1.00, marked to close, **25c.**

J. B. Messick,

Cochran Block, Middletown.

Great Reduction

The bigger the business the more rapidly the odd lots accummulate—bound to.

We are willing to lose on these ends of lines and odd lots. We don't really count it a loss in the end, as we keep clean stock by taking less than regular month.

We offer this week a lot of satine and flannelettes sold at 10 and 15 cents some up to 18 cents a yard at 6 cents a yard while it lasts.

All our 6, 7 and 8 cent calico to go at 5 cents a yard.

Embroidery sold at 8, 10 and 12 cents a yard to go at 5 cents a yard, about 200 yards only in this lot.

A lot of dress gingham sold at 8 cents a yard to go at 6 cents a yard.

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New Home-made Bakery!

CARD TO THE PUBLIC!

I would respectfully inform the citizens of Middletown and vicinity that I have decided to open on Saturday next a strictly

HOME-MADE BAKERY,

And would ask a share of the public patronage. I will keep constantly on hand, or make to order, Bread, Maryland Biscuits, Pies and Custards of all kinds; Cakes, all kinds and flavors; Cookies, Doughnuts, in fact any and all kinds of nice things.

Special attention to Fruit Cakes for the coming Holidays.

Mince Pies of home-made Mince Meat. Chicken Salad made to order.

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CHAPTER V

Do you ride, Miss Madison?

Yes—but I have not done so for some time. Riding was one of my duties in a situation I was in. It sounds rather curious for a companion, but the lady I was with was ordered horse exercise, and she was too nervous to ride alone, so I had to learn.

She was standing by Godfrey Standard's side in the stable, looking at his favorite hunter. He had invited her to accompany him, and she had done so bareheaded, laughing at his fears about her catching cold. As she stood ankle-deep in straw, with the wide shadowy loose-box as a back ground, and a ray of sunlight making a glory of her bright hair, Godfrey thought what a picture she made, and that he should like to see her painted as she looked then.

I wonder if the bay would carry a lady? She has never been tried, but I think she would, Standard remarked, patting his chestnut hunter absently as he glanced at the mare in the next stall. Have a look at her, Miss Madison. What do you think?

I think she might, but——

You are not nervous, are you? One of the grooms shall try her with a skirt first, of course. Have you your habit with you?

No—I got rid of it long since, Custance answered.

She had her back to him as stood, and he did not see the hot flush that rose to her very forehead as she remembered that her riding-habit had been sold at the beginning of her mother's last illness.

Oh, well, you must have another! We can easily send to town for it. I suppose you remember your measurements? They will send it down in a day or two.

Custance was uncomfortably silent. She wondered if he had forgotten that she was taking no salary, and that the little money which she possessed had to be carefully hoarded. She felt tongue-tied and did not know how to explain, although as a rule she was perfectly at her ease with Godfrey. He had been at the Park for nearly a week and seemed like an old friend. Indeed, Custance often feared that she was not respectful enough, and that she treated him too much like an ordinary individual. It shocked her to find herself demanding little services from him. But he was so ready to put himself at her service, and so totally without the slightest idea of regarding her as a paid dependant, that she found it very hard to remember.

Thorn Nugent had not been invited to dinner, and Godfrey had not said a word more about fishing. He transacted some business with his bailiff for a short time in the morning, but the remainder of the day he spent with his mother and Custance—with the latter alone when his mother was resting—and seemed perfectly satisfied with the state of affairs.

I thought it an awful nuisance to run up to town to-day, Mr. Standard remarked as they strolled on. But out of evil good cometh; I can order your habit.

The distress on the girl's face deepened.

Will you be long away? she inquired hastily.

No longer than I can help, I can assure you. If I can get my business done, I shall be down again to-night. I suppose you couldn't drive to the station to meet me? he suggested, with a quick, half diffident, and half daring look at her.

A little demure smile curved Custance's lips.

Am I to come to see if you will be there? she asked meekly.

Oh, I will wire if I find I can't get down! he replied. Then, after a pause, he added, Well, will you come?

If Mrs. Standard can spare me, Custance returned hesitatingly.

She suddenly felt a little alarmed and shocked at herself. Was it possible that she was on the brink of a flirtation with her employer, to whom she owed fifty pounds? After all, he was a young man as well as a great philanthopist, and it behoved her to be careful. There was an expression of satisfaction in his eyes when they rested on her that began to make her uneasy.

We will have some jolly rides together, Godfrey declared, with pleasurable anticipation. You won't forget to give me those measurements, will you?

I am afraid I cannot give them to you, Mr. Standard Custance answered, in a rather hard tone, and then added, with an effort, I do not mean to order a habit.

You will not ride with me? he demanded, the disappointment in his tone somehow striking an answering note in her own heart.

Oh, I do not mean that! she exclaimed hastily, thrown off her guard. It is—I cannot afford to have a habit made. There, you see—I am perfectly frank with you. Please do not mention it again.

It was Godfrey's turn to grow uncomfortably red, and his eyes were very troubled indeed as they rested on her.

Miss Madison, he said—of course I won't speak of it again if you wish it, but just this once do please let me! Is it—haven't they—— Confound it, I don't know how to put it! Look here, I leave those things in Richards's hands. Hasn't he sent you a cheque?

I beg your pardon, Mr. Standard--but for what?

Well—your—salary, I suppose!—hesitating at the third word.

You forget, I think, that I am drawing none, Custance said icily.

You are drawing no salary! he repeated in open amazement. But is Richards mad? What does he mean by it?

It was my own arrangement. I offered my services in payment for the debt I owed you. I could not return you the fifty pounds, but agreed to work it out.

The girl was moving on as if the subject were concluded, but Godfrey stopped her.

You must let me understand this, he said resolutely. It is perfectly ridiculous! I am a careless fellow, I know, and put a great deal of power in Richards's hands. But I certainly did not understand that he had made such an astonishing arrangement, and I should not have allowed it if I had. The idea of taking the services of any girl, and leaving her entirely without money, particularly——

Godfrey paused abruptly—apparently for fear of hurting her feelings.

I am not entirely without money, Custance told him. I still have some of that fifty pounds; I did not return it for the reason that I did not wish to be quite penniless. But I am careful of it, because I am not at present earning any more.

And how are you going to manage about clothes? Excuse my impertinent curiosity, but——

They are not shabby at present, Mr. Standard.

You know I am not meaning that! he broke in impetuously. But I cannot bear to think that you cannot afford to have what you want while I don't know what to do with the money. I shall write you a cheque, and tell Richards that for the future he will send you an allowance every quarter.

You will do nothing of the kind! Custance replied, her purple eyes darkening in her indignation. You would not calmly accept money without making an effort to pay it back, Mr. Standard; nor will I. I am in your debt, and, till I have discharged it, I will not take one penny!

They stood opposite to each other, and the gentle-eyed horses, munching at their corn, regarded them wonderingly. The man's face was white and set; the girl's was flushed with the intensity of her feelings—an exquisite rosy face raised to his fearlessly. As Godfrey looked at it his own softened.

Well, he said, with a deep breath, have it your own way—at present. But, he added, with quiet significance, I shall find another way of cancelling the debt. May I ask how long it will be before you receive any salary?

Two years.

So I am paying you five-and-twenty pounds a year, am I? What a handsome stipend! Considering my own income, it seems undue liberality! Miss Madison, if I own that you are quite in the right, and do not worry you with any more offers of cheques, will you do me a favor and accept a peace offering?

It depends on what it is.

I should like to give you a riding habit, Godfrey answered meekly. You see it is all selfishness. I want you to ride with me, so I am trying to contrive it. It is all in my own interest--not at all for you, really!

Well, said Custance, laughing rather unwillingly—yes—if you like.

And you will come to meet me at the station?

Yes, she repeated, extremely angry to find that she was flushing.

Perhaps the flush was more satisfactory than the monosyllable; at any rate, Godfrey looked in radiant spirits when he drove off half an hour later. He was going to catch the morning train and had run up to say good-bye to his mother in her own room, for she was not yet down.

Left to her own devices, Custance found that she was restless. She went for a short walk, but was afraid of repeating her former adventure that she would not go in the direction of Nugent Hall and kept close to the house. Thorn Nugent's face, with its iron determination and self-assurance, haunted her, and she could not drive it from her mind until the express dashed into the station that evening, and she saw a tall figure advancing towards her, with most unmistakable delight in his sunny eyes.

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In a wonderfully short time Custance's habit arrived. It fitted her to perfection and she felt a fresh qualm of conscience when she saw the name of the famous tailor who had made it; but her hesitation gave way to inevitable satisfaction at the sight of her reflection in the glass. It was really a pleasure to see the way in which the cloth clung to her beautiful figure, and the face under the smart little hat flushed with a half-ashamed recognition of the extremely becoming effect of the whole costume. Godfrey seemed to think the same, for, although he said nothing, his eyes were eloquent as he assisted her to mount, and the girl blushed a little as she stooped to pat the neck of the pretty bay mare.

What a beauty she is! Custance remarked.

Yes, Mr. Standard answered absently, looking at the rider rather than the horse in a way which made Custance add hastily—

Are you sure Mrs. Standard will not want me?

She said she would not; indeed, she was earnest in her request that you should be my companion to-day rather than hers. Ever since I had a tumble when I was a little chap, my mother always imagines that something is going to happen to me if I ride alone, he explained, laughing good-humoredly. She is infinitely relieved in her mind to think that you will be with me to pick up the pieces.

Miss Madison, feeling that her last cause for hesitation was removed, gave herself up to the enjoyment of the ride. She was so engrossed in the exercise that she was almost unconscious of Godfrey's presence until they drew rein again, and she turned her face, glowing and sparkling with pure enjoyment, to him.

Oh, she exclaimed, that was delightful—and she goes like the wind!

Godfrey looked almost as pleased as she, and his grey eyes wore the sunny expression that always came into them when he was happy.

What a view! Custance cried, turning in her saddle to gaze back. Why, the mansion looks like a toy house from here! But how beautiful those green woods are all around it! You must be very proud of your home!

She spoke impetuously, and the next instant half regreted her words in the new shyness which he had begun to make her feel. But Mr. Standard answered as simply as she had spoken.

I am more than proud; indeed, I think I feel more than fondness for the place in which I was born and bred. You see it is not an estate which has been in the family for generations. My father built the house himself; he was a self-made man, and we cannot by any means boast an ancient name. I expect you are better born than I, Miss Madison.

No, indeed, she responded eagerly, anxious to disclaim any superiority because he was so manly in his humility. My father belonged to a good old yeoman family—nothing more. He himself was a curate, and my mother was the daughter of a wholesale manufacturer.

We are about equally ignoble then, he remarked, smiling. But in your case no one would have guessed it—it is unfair of you to look like a princess!

While I am only a beggar-maid, said Custance thoughtlessly.

Then, thinking that there might seem to be a certain similarity between King Cophetua and this modern philanthropist, she checked herself with a sudden blush and, pointing down the valley, asked the name of an old Tudor mansion.

That is Nugent Hall, replied Godfrey. It's a grand old place, and the owner possesses sufficient pedigree and blue blood to make up for all that you and I lack, Miss Madison. Thorn Nugent belongs to one of the oldest families in the county. He's a handsome fellow, too, as you will have a chance of seeing to-night.

To-night! Custance echoed faintly.

Yes—he is coming over to dinner. Do you admire dark men?

If they are really handsome.

Oh, one cannot deny that Nugent is handsome!

The touch of jealousy in the tone nearly made Custance laugh. She forgot her fear in the temptation to tease him a little.

Then I shall be sure to admire him! she said.

In the interest of the moment she forgot that she had a chance to explain how and where she had met Nugent before.

Nugent Hall is a fine old place, Godfrey remarked discontentedly, as they turned their horses homeward.

I should think it was a beautiful old house.

Yes. You like old buildings?

Certainly—I admire Tudor mansions particularly.

If Nugent's people come down to stay with him I expect he will invite you and my mother to go there.

That will be very nice—I shall enjoy seeing it.

Custance spoke at random, with the intention of adding to the note of depression in his voice, knowing at the same time that, if she could possibly avoid it, she would never enter Thorn Nugent's house.

You will not think much of my place when you have seen Nugent Hall.

Why not?

You say you prefer old houses.

The boyish absurdity of his words touched her, and she thought it too bad to tease him.

I like best those places where I have been treated with kindness, she replied, with a sudden change of tone and a smile—and no house will ever be dearer to me than the Park!

Custance, Godfrey ejaculated eagerly, if I thought you meant that——

But the girl, startled at what she had said, touched the bay lightly with a whip and put her into a canter. When she slackened speed, and Godfrey was riding quietly beside her again, her breath still came a little unevenly, and she was relieved to hear him speak in his usual tones.

I know every inch of the wood down there, he said, pointing to where she had encountered Nugent. When I was a little chap it was my favorite hunting grounds. Sometimes I wish I could slip back twenty years and go ratting and bird-nesting again.

He sighed, as if the burden of his wealth and its responsibilities weighed heavily upon him.

Is it the widow, who has a husband living, and her nine children, who are troubling you? Custance inquired, with a smile.

Partly, he admitted, laughing—it is so difficult to distinguish true distress from sham. I wish my father had been a simple country squire and had left me merely the duty of being a good landlord and looking after the estate. He has set me apart in some way—at least I am tied more than most men of my age.

I do not see that you are set apart, Custance remarked kindly. I think you are more honored and blessed than your fellows.

Thank you, he returned. You always seem to say the right thing and make life look more—more desirable. But you see I am not so fortunate as my mother—I haven't always your companionship to console me.

No, murmured Custance.

They walked their horses through the great gates and up the drive. She felt that he was looking at her intently, and she dared not raise her eyes. Suddenly all her calm self-possession and independence seemed to have left her. She was half afraid to think what he might say, and yet she wished him to say it. For the moment she forgot that he was a millionnaire and a notable man. He was only Godfrey Standard to her—the man for whom she cared, and who loved her in return, if she read aright the unspoken avowal in his eyes.

You have known me a very short time, he said at last, in a low voice—does that make you feel that I am a stranger?

No, she replied quietly.

Will you allow me to say something to you that I wish to say? I know I cannot here—for they had reached the house, and he was standing by her side to help her to dismount—but you will allow me to say it some other time?

Yes, she answered, feeling that she could not utter more than the monosyllable.

Thank you, my——

She did not hear the end of the sentence; but Godfrey lifted her out of the saddle with a slight pressure on her waist, and she ran into the house with a sudden delirious sense of happiness.

It did not matter that Nugent was coming to dinner now. She was reckless in her newly-found joy and felt so safe in Godfrey's love that she did not dread Nugent's baleful influence over her life. She went down to luncheon with her eyes shining under the lowered lids, and a new glamor over her beauty, that caused Mr. Standard to neglect his plate in looking at her. Custance also found that she could not eat; she knew that he was waiting his opportunity to speak to her alone, and for once was looking forward to his mother's retiring to her rooms to rest.

But Godfrey's patience was doomed to be further tried. Immediately after luncheon a tenant wanted to see him, and as the business was pressing, he could not delay it. With obvious reluctance Mr. Standard left, after learning that Custance was going to sit on the balcony outside the drawing-room.

I will join you there, he said, with scarcely veiled meaning, as he strode away.

The tenant detained Godfrey for half an hour; before he reappeared some early callers had arrived, and Custance, feeling relieved for the moment, went to entertain them. Before they had left some one else came, and when Mrs. Standard had had her rest and came down to tea, Godfrey had not yet had the chance for which he was waiting.

Custance felt a hysterical desire to laugh, as she watched the impatience with which he made himself pleasant, sticking doggedly to his post and quite unconscious that he was defeating his own ends; for the presence of the philanthropist was an added attraction to Mrs. Standard's guests, who lingered on until it was time to dress for dinner.

Never mind; there is to-morrow and the next day—and all our lives afterwards, thought Custance, as she changed her gown.

For the first time since her mother's death she laid aside her black dress. The hot weather was ample excuse, and Godfrey would understand why she did it—because this was a red-letter day, and she wished to celebrate it. That he did understand and was rather elated, she noticed, when he looked up and saw her enter the drawing-room—a white-gowned figure, with her beautiful face framed in the mass of gleaming hair, which was held back with a silver arrow.

But there was some one else there—some one who took in every line of her face and figure with covetous magnetic eyes. Thorn Nugent was leaning against the mantelpiece, as graceful and handsome as a panther. His evening dress made his pale dark face appear more sinister than ever to Custance, and as he kept her hand in his a second longer than she would have preferred, she became suddenly possessed with the old terror of him and wished that she could prevent Godfrey's eyes following her movements as she knew that they were doing.

But Mr. Standard saw no reason to disguise his devotion and proceeded to make it as evident as unuttered eloquence could do. Custance grew cold and sick as she saw the steely glitter in Nugent's eyes, and the flash of sneering comprehension on his face at each more obvious sign from his host. The presence of Custance seemed almost to intoxicate Godfrey—she looked so sweet in her white gown, with a dreamy look in her eyes, and a startled flush on her face. He was quite aware that his voice took a different note whenever he spoke to her, and was rather inclined to emphasize the fact than not.

Miss Madison was admiring your house to-day, Thorn, he remarked, during dinner.

Indeed!

Yes; we rode past it, and she appeared quite struck with it in the distance. I am thinking of rebuilding the Park.

To suit Miss Madison's taste?

Yes—as she admires the Tudor style.

How could Godfrey be so reckless, Custance thought despairingly. She looked fixedly at her plate, refusing to meet his expressive glances, or the deadly anger in the light eyes of the man opposite.

Ah, that is very gallant of you! remarked Nugent, as suavely and deliberately as ever. In the meantime, while your castle is still in the air, I shall be delighted to put my house at Miss Madison's disposal.

Was there veiled satire in the speech, or a threat? Custance looked at him across the table.

That is most generous of you, she observed coolly. But I am quite comfortable in my quarters at present, thank you!

She flushed angrily and defiantly as she spoke, and Godfrey looked at her quickly and a little jealously. He remembered that she had said that she would admire Nugent, and although she had been so sweet afterwards in speaking of the Park and was even now declaring her preference for it, he wished that she had not crimsoned and resented the open admiration in his guest's eyes.

Custance was rather glad to leave the table. The men were not likely to smoke long, she thought, and when they came into the drawing-room it would be easier to avoid Nugent and get Godfrey alone. As soon as she had settled Mrs. Standard in her favorite chair by the window she went to the piano and, with a happy little smile on her lips, began to play softly.

In the dining-room, when the door had closed behind the ladies, Mr. Nugent sat trifling with his wine glass for a few seconds. Suddenly he looked up.

So you ride with Miss Madison, Godfrey? he said tentatively, with an affectation of confidential candor in his tone. Do you know that I think it is rather good of me not to mind? If it had been any one but you, old fellow, I should feel inclined to raise Cain!

Godfrey's astonishment seemed to stupify him for a minute.

What do you mean? he demanded at last.

Oh, I know it's all right with you! Nugent replied quite affectionately, and with a sweet smile. But still it isn't exactly satisfactory to have one's lady love taking lonely rides with some one else—even with such a good fellow as you!

A sudden shadow fell on Mr. Standard's kindly open face. He set his glass down untasted and turned his eyes on his guest rather strangely.

Will you kindly explain what you mean, Thorn? he asked quietly. Miss Madison is not—cannot be—engaged to you!

Custance hasn't told you, then? Nugent inquired seriously, with an appearance of concern. I hoped that she had taken you into her confidence. But she is as difficult to persuade of what is just and right as most women, and of course her pride is up in arms. She really is over-sensitive on the point.

Will you tell me what is between you and Miss Madison? was the rejoinder. The strain Godfrey was putting upon himself made him look old and stern.

Well, my dear fellow, I think I had better make a clean breast of it to you—though I wish it had come from Custance. I do not like disclosing any secret in which she is concerned without her leave; but I think I am justified, as without your help I do not see how things are ever to be put straight between us.

My help! repeated Godfrey blankly.

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‖ Daily. g Daily except Sunday.
"c" Regular stop to receive passengers.
"f" Stops only on notice to conductor or agent on signal.
"g" Connects at Delmar with New York, Philadelphia & Norfolk Ry.
"h" Stops to let off passengers from points north of Wilmington and from points on Maryland Division via Porter.
"j" Connects at Harrington for and from stations on Del., Md., & Va. R. R.
"j" Stops to take on passengers for Cape Charles and beyond.
"k" Stops to leave passengers from Wilmington and points north, or take passengers for points south of Delmar.
"l" Connects at Townsend for and from stations on Baltimore & Delaware Bay Ry.
"m" Connects at Porter for Delaware City.
"n" Connects at Porter with Newark & Delaware City Railroad.
"o" Connects at Harrington for stations on D M & V R R
"p" Stops to leave passengers from Middletown and points south.
"q" Stops to leave passengers from New York Division.
"t" Connects at Seaford for and from all stations on Cambridge & Seaford R R
"u" Connects at Townsend for and from all stations on the Queen Anne & Kent Railroad.
"v" Connects at Harrington from stations between Lewes and Harrington.
"w" Connects at Clayton for and from all stations on Delaware & Chesapeake Ry.
"x" Connects at Delmer with New York, Philadelphia & Norfolk Railroad to and from all points between Delmar and Pocomoke.

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Leave Franklin City for Chincoteague (via steamer) 1.30 and 8.50 p m. week days Returning leave Chincoteague 10.45 a. m., and 5.30 p. m., week-days.

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Leave Harrington for Rehoboth 10 36 a m Returning, leave Rehoboth 1 15 p m, Tuesday Thursday and Saturdays

Leave Harrington for Berlin, 10 36 a. m. and 5.55 p. m. week days. Returning, leave Berlin 6.56 a m and 12.56 p. m. week days.

Leave Massey for Chestertown and way stations 9.59 a. m. and 5.16 p. m. week-days. Returning, leave Chestertown 7.18 a. m. and 2.35 p. m. week-days.

QUEEN ANNE & KENT R. R.—Leave Townsend for Centreville and way stations 9 30 a. m., and 4.47 p. m., week days Returning, leave Centreville 7.46 a. m., and 2.38 p. m., week-days.

DELAWARE & CHESAPEAKE R. R.—Leave Clayton for Oxford and way stations 9.47 a. m., and 5.07 p. m., week days. Returning, leave Oxford 6.47 a. m., and 1 48 p. m., week-days.

CAMBRIDGE & SEAFORD R. R.—Leave Seaford for Cambridge and intermediate stations 11.13 a. m. and 6.51 p. m. week-days, Returning, leave Cambridge 7.00 a.m. and 2.32 p. m. week-days.

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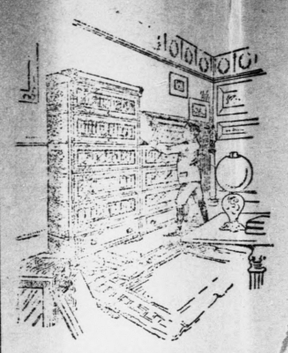
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